Constitutional Law Pioneers and Milestones

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1. Which document is widely recognized as the world's first written national constitution, adopted in 1787?

A) The Magna Carta
B) The United States Constitution
C) The Constitution of San Marino
D) The French Constitution of 1791

2. San Marino is home to the world's oldest surviving constitution, which dates back to what year?

A) 1600
B) 1787
C) 1215
D) 1814

3. Which nation was the first in the world to grant women the right to vote in national elections through its constitution in 1893?

A) Australia
B) Norway
C) New Zealand
D) Finland

4. The concept of 'Judicial Review', where a court may invalidate laws inconsistent with a constitution, was first established in the United States by which landmark 1803 case?

A) Marbury v. Madison
B) McCulloch v. Maryland
C) Gibbons v. Ogden
D) Dred Scott v. Sandford

5. Which country's 1791 constitution was the first to be codified in Europe?

A) France
B) Poland
C) Sweden
D) The Netherlands

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6. In 1947, Japan adopted a new constitution that was notable for being the first to include what specific legal innovation?

A) A mandatory retirement age for judges
B) A pacifist clause renouncing war
C) A guarantee of internet access
D) A requirement for proportional representation

7. The 'Magna Carta', signed in 1215, is historically significant because it was the first document to establish what principle?

A) The divine right of kings
B) The separation of church and state
C) That the monarch is subject to the law
D) The abolition of the monarchy

8. Which was the first country to include environmental protection rights directly within its written constitution in 1972?

A) Costa Rica
B) Germany
C) Norway
D) Canada

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